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Workmen were boxing in the mine creek which ran along the side of **Iron Mountain's West Hughitt Street from Merritt Avenue** west in mid-June, 1891, to "prevent children from throwing debris into the water," according to *The Iron Range*, Iron Mountain's weekly newspaper. The camera faces east, and this unidentified city crew was working at the northwest corner of Carpenter Avenue and Hughitt Street. Buildings on the south side of the 100 block of West Hughitt Street, visible behind the workers, show a portion of **The Midway**. To date this is the only early view of *The Midway*, infamous for its numerous saloons and brothels during the last two decades of the nineteenth century and the first three decades of the twentieth century. Stretching for three or four blocks from one block east of Stephenson Avenue to and including the 300 block west of Stephenson Avenue, *The Midway* – particularly the 100 block of West Hughitt Street – was especially notorious, as evidenced in the following account from May 3, 1926. [Menominee Range Historical Museum]

**[NOTE: Dates, placed chronologically, are highlighted in boldface red letters for**

**easier reading, and names of individuals and places are highlighted in boldface**

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The 31st installment of Menominee Range Memories, a series of articles by William J. Cummings, Menominee Range Historical Foundation historian, now available on the Dickinson County Library's website, is titled "The Roaring Twenties Biggest Local Prohibition Era Prostitution and Liquor Clean-Up (May 3, 1926)."

Raids staged by Sheriff Frank Cleveland, Iron Mountain Chief of Police Rudolph Freeman and Prosecuting Attorney Ray E. MacAllister, together with federal agents and city policemen, as well as private investigators, really cracked down on gambling, prostitution and prohibition. The first two weeks of May were particularly intense, especially on The Midway in Iron Mountain.

The most outstanding account of a Prohibition era raid found to date in *The Iron Mountain News* occurred on Monday, **May 3, 1926**.

This detailed, well-written news article was probably penned by **Lawrence D. Tucker**, then a cub reporter. The entire story is longer than this space allows, but the complete account is contained in the version on the Dickinson Count Library's website.

There are frequent references to **The Midway** in the article. Stretching for three or four blocks from one block east of Stephenson Avenue to and including the 300 block west of Stephenson Avenue, The Midway was infamous for its numerous saloons and brothels during the last two decades of the nineteenth century and the first three decades of the twentieth century. East and West Hughitt Street – particularly

the 100 block of West Hughitt Street – was especially notorious, as evidenced in the following account.

Under the 8-column front page headline "**34 Warrants For Rum Row**" with subheadlines "**Midway and Vice Haunts Jolted In Biggest Booze Clean-up Staged In City: Five Special Investigators working Under Chief And Prosecutor Reveal Startling Conditions; Purging To Be Thorough,**" the following article appeared in the **May 3, 1926** edition of *The Iron Mountain News*:

*The biggest liquor clean-up in the history of Iron Mountain got underway this morning!*

*Armed with 34 warrants, city and county officers started out on an invasion of rum row and its allied branches to fetch in 34 alleged bootleggers and deal a staggering blow to vice and its cohorts.*

*At noon more than 16 of the warrants had been served and the county and city jails were filling up. The sheriff's department co-operated with city police by loaning a large force of deputies to bring in the violators.*

*The raid, the most comprehensive ever planned here, was based on evidence gathered by four private investigators working under the direction of **Prosecuting Attorney Ray E. MacAllister** and **Chief of Police Rudolph Freeman**. It followed close on the heels of the mop-up in **East Vulcan** Saturday afternoon by four squads of deputies under the personal supervision of Prosecutor MacAllister and **Sheriff Frank Cleveland**. In that bit of sponging a dozen places were visited, nine persons were arrested, hundreds of gallons of liquor*

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*were seized and hundreds of gallons were destroyed.*

## **After Every One**

*The heavy hand of the law descended with a vengeance today. Every “joint” on the **Midway**, every “speak-easy” on **East Brown street** and every other blind pig scattered throughout the spider web of booze and vice was its mark. Officials were anxious to topple down saloons and iniquitous resorts like a row of upright dominoes given a push.*

*Wine, Women and Song flourished unrestricted on the Midway for the last time Sunday night. The painted ladies who require no introduction and little inducement to make any flush lumberjack a (temporary) sheik had their final unhindered hour. The booze emporiums where two-bit moonshine flowed like Niagara Falls saw the river dried up. They may start the flood again, but it will be against the opposition of law enforcement agencies, the prosecutor said.*

*The investigation, covering a period of more than two weeks, was financed by Prosecutor MacAllister and Chief Freeman. It was conducted with such secrecy that three of the investigators did not know the fourth, and on one occasion the latter was gathering evidence in a saloon while two of the others were there, but they did not have the knowledge of their mutual pursuit.*

## **Investigator Threatened**

*Although it was not known that he was an official operative, another of the investigators was “rolled” in an East Brown street resort, and when it was feared he might cause trouble he was drugged with*

*liquor, put on a train to Green Bay and warned that if he returned he might be “bumped off.” He did return, but was smuggled in and kept in concealment on a nearby Wisconsin farm.*

*The difficulties confronting the officials were increased by the fact that the Midway sensed there was something in the air. Frequent rumors of raids resulted in dimming of lights and locking of doors. The big street has been dark on more than one evening during the last two weeks and the tip was passed along the line not to sell bottles – only drinks. “Hippers” made their appearance and thirsty customers were led outside to dark corners, where their escort would dish them out a jolt.*

*“Spotters,” of whom there are many employed by the liquor fraternity, were urged to greater vigilance. Their wary eyes followed each seeker of two thumbs of forked lightning and until they had given the okeh the patron found everything as dry as the Sahara desert.*

## **Overcome Odds**

*Against all these odds the investigators worked successfully. They were regarded as regulars at a number of joints and barkeeps often brought them a round on the house. Their quarters passed in a continuous stream over the bars and a continuous stream of moonshine came in return. They even joined in a song fest or two and occasionally may have slipped a wink to a peroxide filly who took her liquor without blinking.*

*They were served moonshine in all shades of brown, in all grades of taste and*



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*with varying resemblance to dynamite, nitroglycerine and vitriol. They found, while undergoing the penalty of more than one headache, that the first hundred years are by far the hardest.*

## **Vice Conditions Bad**

*Unparalleled conditions of vice and prostitution were revealed, principally by a fifth operative who did not take part in collecting the liquor evidence. A large number of girls between the ages of 16 and 18, lips and cheeks heavily rouged, were found to be ranging the streets, eagerly accepting chance 'pick-ups' and stepping out for a whirl along the tinsel path. More hardened sisters, their coarse features plainly bespeaking their calling, roamed for their prey or carried on their price labeled licentiousness in established red light brothels.*

*The old, old practice was still prevalent in some joints. The lumberjack fresh from the woods with his pay was served his liquor free and easy until befuddled. Then he joined one of the "girls" upstairs, who frisked him. Broke and drunk, he was thrown out on the sidewalk, with no more perhaps than a new pair of shoes and a fuzzy taste to show for his winter's work.*

*Places were discovered where girls and boys in their teens – or hardly out of them – drunk and reckless, were admitted without question into bedrooms. Rooms in other joints were rented with or without, mein host often stealing in during the small hours of the morning to relieve his guests of their valuables.*

## **Generous Sometimes.**

*Sometimes an old soak was doled out a shot of booze free when he tottered downstairs in the morning and begged for a bracer to steady his quivering nerves. This gift was even more generously forthcoming if the recipient couldn't remember what became of the money he thought he had when he entered the night before.*

*More often the sidewalk treatment was administered, especially if business was rushing and there was little time to waste on bums.*

*The tale of the **Midway** has long been notorious, but it is doubtful if it ever before reached such lurid proportions. Evidence was even disclosed of a dope ring, purveying to unfortunate addicts slipping on the last plunge into the depths. The details of this have been more closely guarded, with developments probable later. Enough is known, however, to convince officials that the flotsam and jetsam of humanity that came here when thousands of others were settling in the city during the period of the Ford boom is in many respects bestial and must be expelled.*

## **Girls Leave Town.**

*The first drive against organized prostitution came about two weeks ago, when raids were staged by Chief of Police Freeman and Prosecutor MacAllister. But as has happened so frequently, a tip preceded the officers and they found the usual rendezvous of vice deserted. Instead of relaxing, they continued their unexpected visits and the alarm was spread as only the **Midway** knows how to spread an alarm that retreat was the course of wisdom.*

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*Outgoing trains took many of the **Midway's** girls to other haunts. Others fled across the border line until "these damn police quit tagging us." The remainder scurried to adequate hiding places and there carried on in subdued and quiet manner their illicit conduct.*

*It was generally agreed along the **Midway** that "things must be tightened up." Scouts were sent out to learn what was brewing and brought back only vague and unsatisfactory reports. The **Midway** could feel something impending, but could not fathom what it was.*

*It was one of the few times it ever found itself in such a fix.*

## **Watch The Prosecutor**

*On one such occasion Prosecutor MacAllister took a turn down the **Midway** with a companion. Narrowed eyes followed him and the proprietor of a speak-easy turned to two bystanders and exclaimed: "Who is that \* \* \* with MacAllister?" One of the bystanders was also one of the investigators.*

*"Spotters" were sent to watch who entered the prosecutor's office and to stand vigil at other strategic points where it was believed some information might be obtained. The boast was made by the vice barons that "the prosecutor can't make a move we don't know about."*

*But the investigators were prepared for such contingencies. Reports were rendered in inconspicuous ways to both the chief of police and MacAllister. The officials were never seen talking to anyone who could be traced as an agent or who could*

*"make buys" at any joints. The bootleggers instituted what they thought was complete and leak proof espionage, yet it was not complete enough to find out what they most wanted to know.*

## **Begins To Slow Up**

*The **Midway** began to tone down and slacken its pace. Other booze joints did likewise. Blinds were drawn and at the first hint of trouble proprietors cleaned out and shot the bolts in the doors. They jumped every time someone called "wolf," and the presence of federal agents in the city did not add to their comfort.*

*Meantime, the investigators were learning more about the inside of the **Midway** than had ever been known before. They saw some of the inner workings of the giant rum machine that had prospered so long.*

*They learned, for instance, that the **Midway** hides its booze supply behind sliding panels in chimneys and walls, in secret compartments in lavatories, under trap doors, in back yard recesses, in back of pans and kettles and, in one case, in a barber shop next door. The favorite serving receptacles are coffee pots and pitchers and, of course, there is a wide use of bottles. All of these are easily dumped or broken when an officer enters.*

*They were told that the booze element is split into two factions, the **Midway** group headed by **George "Reddy" Meehan**, and the Brown street bootleggers led by "Poker Joe" Horn.*

*They determined that two grades of moonshine are handled, the good and not-*

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*so-good. The inferior brand, some of which is almost powerful enough to melt the bottle, has, purposely, the largest sale. It is cheaper to buy wholesale.*

## **Moonshine From Wisconsin**

*A considerable quantity of the moonshine comes from Wisconsin. It is imported across the border line in the dead of night and precautions are taken that the road is clear. Mysterious flashing lights are their signals. Much of the moonshine is of doubtful antecedents. It comes from foul smelling mash and is hatched in stills that are not kept too clean. In all their meanderings the investigators did not come across one still in the city, although they are certain many are being operated here.*

*The establishment price is 25 cents a slug, and a slug is an ounce or slightly less. The glasses are thick, with deceptive bottoms leading the purchaser to believe he is getting more than he really is. One bargain place, old **Camp 49** on the **North side**, pours out a shot for 20 cents.*

*A large part of the revenue of the rum row fraternity comes from gambling dens. In some places dark passages and a series of doors must be travelled before the room with the green-topped tables is reached. In others little effort is made to conceal the games. The stakes are whatever the participant can afford. It is claimed that the game at the **Princess restaurant** is rather stiff and pikers don't last long.*

*Black-Jack and poker are the favorites and some of the dealers are said to be very deft and can take them from the bottom without anyone being the wiser.*

## **Roll the Bones, Too**

*If the patron wishes to roll the dice the cubes are there. If a loaded pair is slipped in on him that's his hard luck. If by chance – and it has happened – he cleans the bank it's an outrageous injustice. However, the crafty house man doesn't exhibit his chagrin. He is the essence of hospitality and this usually brings the patron around again, when it is likely his pockets don't profit so much and sometimes are turned inside out.*

*"Poker Joe" Horn is said to have run one of the biggest gambling dens, although it is not believed to be in existence now. To get to "Poker Joe's" gaming room it was necessary to walk to the rear of the saloon. There a short section of fake bar was rolled back, a trap door opened and the patron descended into the cellar. Then he passed through three doors before finally gaining the abode of the god of luck. Once there he could go the limit in whatever he liked the most.*

## **Mr. A. Tells Story**

*An extremely interesting story is told by one of the investigators who, for obvious reasons, shall be known as **Mr. A.***

*Mr. A. came to **Iron Mountain** with more than \$250 in his purse. He had two companions, both trustworthy and his pals. They registered at the **American house**, located on **Merritt avenue between Hughitt and A streets.***

*Mr. A bought a pair of shoes and a few odds and ends of clothing that didn't nick his bank roll very much. Incidentally, Mr. A. is the investigator who says his life was*

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*threatened and who was drugged with poisonous doctored liquor, put on a train and warned not to come back. Also incidentally, his kind bootlegger friends gave him \$15 – all that he had – to buy his railroad fare and provide meals for a few days until he found another job. Then they proceeded to recover \$9 in drinks they made him purchase. They appointed one of their number to take him to the train. The escort took his \$5 bill, bought his fare to **Green Bay**, and kept the change. Mr. A had about \$2 when he reached Green Bay.”*

## **Mr. A's Adventures**

*Here is his own story:*

*“After we had got our room at the **American house** we went downstairs to get a drink. In order to reach the place where the booze is served you go into the back alley, enter a door and pass down a narrow hall. Then you come to a two-way stairway, [sic] that is the stairs go up on each side like a V. At the side are two doors. One leads to a closet. The other into the furnished room where the booze is served.*

*“We had white mule at the American house. The bottle was hidden behind a sideboard. On top of the sideboard was a water glass and next to it a small funnel. Under the funnel was the whisky glass. The supply of booze is kept in a place rigged up like a pantry.*

*“Then I went to the **Princess cafe** and had two drinks. From there I went to **Victor Giasanti's**, at the corner of **Hughitt street and Merritt avenue**. I had some home*

*brew there. My next stop was at ‘**Poker Joe' Horn's** place on **Brown street**.*

*“Well, in Poker Joe's place we had several drinks. Then a woman invited me upstairs to her room. I followed. By that time the drinks had taken strong hold and after I entered the room I went under. The next thing I knew I woke up in the morning in another room, fully dressed, and with a fellow on another bed nearby.*

## **37 Cents in Pocket**

*“I looked in my pocket and found I had 37 cents left of my bankroll. No one around there ‘knew’ anything about what had become of my money. I went to the prosecuting attorney and word of this got back, so they started to work on me to leave town.*

*“A fellow they call **Jumbo** (since ordered out of town) was one of those who tried to get me to go. He said he could get some money for me from Poker Joe and he would also give me \$10 out of his own pocket. I had my two companions as witnesses to the fact I had the money when I went to Poker Joe's and when I remarked about this they told me never mind about the witnesses, they were out of town.*

*“Poker Joe did give me \$20 and I spent that on drinks. Over at his joint they keep the booze supply hidden in a lavatory off of a back room. During my investigation I was in there one evening when the telephone rang and someone gave a tip to ‘clear ‘er out, a raid is coming.’ The boozed came out of there pretty fast. A big indian [sic – Indian] who works the bar filled his blouse*

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*full of bottles and beat it out the front door. They 'cleaned 'er out' in no time.*

## **Knew Booze Differed**

*"I was in **Jones' restaurant**, also on **West Hughitt**, when a fellow named **Kiel** delivered five gallons of booze. I was introduced and we had a couple of drinks. The first drink Kiel took he raised particular cain [sic – Cain], claiming that the booze had had been doctored. The bartender denied it, but at Kiel's insistence brought out another jug. Kiel tested that and the difference was very noticeable. He said the first moonshine had been watered too much by the restaurant keepers.*

*"Over at the **Princess restaurant** the booze is served back in the same room where they have the poker table. They have two grades.*

*"Down in **The Cave** on **Hughitt street** I bought a bottle. I was also in **Reddy Meehan's** place on a Sunday morning when a negro [sic – Negro] woman came in and bought a pint. The barkeeper didn't want to give it to her at first, they were on needles [sic – needle] points then over all the rumors and didn't want to take a chance on bottles. But evidently she'd been there before. 'Never you all mind,' she said. 'They'll never find it on me.' And taking the pint she hid in somewhere about her clothing and marched out triumphant.*

*"I got drinks in quite a few places, but the bootleggers always wanted me to leave town on account of the trouble they feared because of the 'rolling' I got. They tried to get me into a car, but I was afraid they'd slug me.*

## **Railroad Out of Town**

*"Finally one evening they got me into a little **Hughitt street restaurant** run by **Eddie 'Shorty' Perron**, a lantern-jawed bird. When they got me there they wouldn't let me go, not even to step outside for five minutes. Five of them gathered around me. The gang included **Poker Joe**, **Perron** and a fellow they called '**Scotty.**' They started the drinks going and all the time kept insisting that I leave town, there was no use hanging around, my witnesses were gone and I couldn't get anywhere.*

*"They handed me \$15 for my railroad fare and grub stake till I got a job. Then, as the drinks kept coming, they took \$9 of it back for those rounds I bought. Finally, just a few minutes before train time, **Perron** grabbed me – I was pretty helpless then – and took me to the **St. Paul station**. He also took my \$5 bill and went in to buy my ticket. He pocketed the change. When the train rolled in **Perron** got on board with me. 'You wouldn't want to die it this town, would you?' he said. Of course I replied, 'No.' 'Well then,' he said, 'don't you dare leave this train until it reaches **Green Bay** and don't you dare come back to **Iron Mountain.**' Then he pulled a bottle of liquor out of his pocket. It had one good sized drink left in it. The liquor was of a light greenish hue. He made me take the drink. When the train started he jumped off and when the conductor got my ticket I passed out. I didn't know anything more until the train reached **Green Bay**. I got off there and wandered around in a dazed condition."*



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*Mr. A was later brought back from Green Bay and given security on a Wisconsin farm until needed for the showdown here.*

## **Crime Hatchery**

*The heterogenous [sic – heterogeneous] make-up of the rum row colony includes many of extraordinary criminal proclivities, one investigator learned. Some of those who sell booze, he said, are really out for bigger game.*

*He sat in on one plot to rob an Iron Mountain bank. It was planned to rent the basement of the building and drill through to the vault. He also traced another robbery scheme which was eventually abandoned because the amount to be gained was not high enough.*

*The Midway is not unwilling to pay for official protection and has bragged that it does. It also spends considerable money to maintain its force of spotters. As one example it is reported that an individual who knows by sight most of the state and federal prohibition agents in the upper peninsula has a most comfortable position with the Midway. He is provided with a big car and receives a fat salary. His duties consist of meeting all trains and if any officers arrive give the alarm.*

## **Owners in Background**

*Owners of the various joints do not always serve the drinks. That is one reason why they are seldom caught. They employ bartenders and it is customary for the bartender to get suitable reward if he is unfortunate enough to be sent to jail.*

*In addition, every effort is made to confuse snooping officers of the law. The bartenders work in shifts and may spend one day in one place and the next in another. Thus the officer who returns to a joint finds a different face sizing him up.*

*The Midway has its monetary rewards. Victor Giasanti is the proud possessor of a new \$3,200 Stutz car. Others along rum row enjoy the same luxuries and when they go out on their own jamborees nothing is too good. Easy come, easy go.*

*But the clean-up today is expected to be a serious setback. It will require some time for the Midway to recuperate and offer again its crimson orgies, if it ever does. Liquor there will be, but it will be sold with utmost stealth; the red lights may burn, but behind a mask. The big street has had the kick taken out of it and is reduced to one half of one per cent.*

*A summary of some of the more interesting aspects of the investigators' reports follows:*

**CAMP 49** – Located on **North side**. Booze at 20 cents a shot. No bottles sold, not even to "best friends." Girls said to be available.

**MIKE MATKOVICZ** – Joint on **West Hughitt street**. Sold two rounds of drinks to investigators.

**PRINCESS RESTAURANT** – Basement of **Anderson building at 105 East C street**. Two grades of moon believed to be doped.

**VICTOR GIASANTI** – Has place at **corner of Hughitt street and Merritt avenue** in which **Mrs. Mary Garowich** was

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*shot to death a little more than a year ago. Alleged slayer, Zaja, was freed. Giasanti did not conduct place at that time. Investigators claim they bought drinks for him, his wife, and their daughter, believed to be 17 or 18 years of age. Also got drink from a bartender. Investigators had a little singing bee there one evening. Drinks served in the rear in a kitchen. Man by name of Anderson said to be the "spotter". [sic] Booze hidden behind sliding panel in chimney.*

**GEORGE "REDDY" MEEHAN'S PLACE** – *Between St. Paul and North Western tracks on Hughitt. One of bartenders said to be Andy Anderson, district prize fighter, who set 'em up on the house after the investigators had purchased a couple of rounds. One investigator says he took bootlegger in with him when he went to get drink.*

**"SHORTY" PERRON'S RESTAURANT** – *Hughitt street. Two investigators entered first time after a hard day "taking them" in other joints. Wanted a cup of coffee or tea. Restaurant couldn't provide it. Asked for milk and this was produced. Were then asked, they said, if they wouldn't "like a little shot" in the milk. They replied in the affirmative and drank a milk highball. A third investigator said he got his in coffee, but was able to get it clear later. One of alleged bartenders, Leo "Scotty" Leclair, said to be very versatile. Claimed that he plays the mandolin, sings for drinks, is a barber and also a bartender. Booze hidden behind pan hanging on wall.*

**TONY DAG** – *Has place next to North Star Hall. Not too easy to get into.*

**AMERICAN HOUSE** – *"John Doe," identified through a peg leg, served the drinks. Crap tables said to be in the basement.*

**JONES RESTAURANT** – *West Hughitt street. Said to be owned by "Red" Hedlund. Claimed that girls are not strangers. Booze supply concealed under trap door in floor, [sic] Also said to keep it in barber shop next door. Booze served from coffee pot. Genial barkeeps said to serve a round on the house occasionally.*

**LEO SHEPKY'S PLACE** – *120 West Hughitt. "Snap out of it, Leo, and give me a drink before I go to the show," one of the investigators said he exclaimed. He added that Leo snapped out of it and produced the drink.*

**EDDIE TIRSCHER** – *Has quarters above padlocked saloon on West Hughitt street. Girls there, claim.*

**"POKER JOE" HORN'S PLACE** – *110 East Brown street. "Never-mind spending any money," one of the barkeeps is said to have told the investigator. The barkeep was in a generous mood – for a reason.*

**"JOHN DOE"** – *Has house between Ludington and Hughitt streets on Merritt avenue. First floor kept vacant as a blind. Booze and rooms on second. Equipment includes a cash register.*

**ROMA RESTAURANT** – *No warrant issued for this place, but selling wine reported. Warned to cease at once.*

## LIST OF WARRANTS

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*List of warrants issued in today's liquor clean-up:*

**Marie Kell**, East Brown street.

**Ghechini**, saloon kitty corner from **Camp 49**.

**Robert Collins**, bartender at **Camp 49**, North side.

**Mike Matkovicz**, 116 West Hughitt street, also a bartender.

**Dominic Spera**, who conducts place on North side, and his son.

**"John Doe,"** alleged to have served drinks at the **American hotel**.

**Frank Pulaski**, two blocks below high school on West A street.

**Eddie Tirschel**, who has flat above padlocked saloon on West Hughitt street.

**"John Doe,"** who has house on Merritt avenue between Ludington and Hughitt streets.

Warrant for bartender at **Tony Dag's saloon** next to **North Star hall** on East Flesheim [sic – Fleshiem] street.

**Bernard Christianson**, bartender and waiter at **Princess restaurant**, in basement of **Anderson building** at 105 East C street.

**Leo Shepky**, who conducts a saloon at 120 West Hughitt street. **Mike Melkovick**, (last name uncertain), his bartender. Also another bartender.

**Victor Giasanti**, corner of Hughitt street and Merritt avenue. Also his wife and their daughter, a girl about 17 or 18 years of age. Also a warrant for **Charles Patrosso**, bartender.

**George "Cash" Holmes**, bartender at **"Poker Joe" Horn's place**, 110 East Brown street. **"John Doe,"** indian [sic –

Indian] bartender for **Poker Joe**, and **"John Doe"** with the **"Charlie Chaplin"** mustache, another bartender.

**Roy Marcel**, bartender at **George "Reddy" Meehan's saloon**[.] East Hughitt street between North Western and St. Paul tracks. Also **Andy "Pug" Anderson**, fighter and bartender at same place.

**Eddie "Shorty" Perron**, who conducts restaurant on West Hughitt street between St. Paul and North Western tracks. Also **Leo "Scotty" Leclair**, his bartender, and **"Chumpy,"** alleged to be a bartender.

**Ed VanDamme**, owner, and **John "Beaver" Carlson**, alleged bartender, at **The Cave**, located in basement of building at 110 East Hughitt street. **Fred Johnson**, also said to be a bartender, was paroled on a liquor law violation charge at the last term of circuit court. Johnson faces immediate sentence to Jackson prison.

**Joseph Cochetto** [sic], said to be bartender and waiter at **Jones' restaurant**, West Hughitt street, alleged to be conducted by **"Red" Hedlund**. **Floyd Larson**, also bartender at same place, **Henney Huff**, alias **Mason**, another alleged bartender, and **Evy Newstrom**, barber who is charged with having "filled in" as bartender.

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## EAST VULCAN WARRANTS

List of those for whom warrants were issued in the raid Saturday afternoon at East Vulcan.

**Minica** [sic – **Monica** – ?] **Bertalini**, 25 gallons of wine.

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*Mrs. Stella Smokovich, still and moonshine.*

*Mrs. Annie Dallafaza. Seventy-five gallons of wine.*

*Victor Moreschini [sic], house No. 6, Currie [sic – Curry] location, owned a new still.*

*Matt Pienkiewicz [sic], still, 10-gallon jug almost full of moonshine, two-quart jar of moonshine.*

*Mike Bray. Destroyed 50 gallons of mash and took samples for analysis. Could not find still.*

*Mike Opalka [sic – Opolka – ?], still, one five and one two-gallon jug of moonshine. Destroyed 100 gallons of mash.*

*Albin Alesandri [sic], Currie [sic – Curry] location, 25 gallons of wine. Deputies said they destroyed six 50-gallon barrels of wine.*

*John Stanek, still working when officers entered. Two quart mason jars of moonshine. Destroyed 100 gallons of mash.*

*Alex Banish, still, two one-gallon jugs of moonshine, another container with 10 quarts of moonshine. Destroyed 100 gallons of mash.*

In another article appeared as follows on the same page of the May 3, 1926 edition of The Iron Mountain News under the headline “**34 Warrants For Rum Row**” with subheadlines “**East Vulcan Booze Raid Nets 7 Arrests, Deluge of Evidence: Seven Stills Among Haul in Dozen Places: Sheriff and Prosecutor Personally Direct Four Squads: Gallons of Liquor: Large Amount Destroyed in Addition to That Brought In**”:

*Seven persons, most of them former offenders, were arrested in the sweeping liquor raid conducted in **East Vulcan** Saturday afternoon by county officers.*

*Two more are sought on warrants, having evaded the officers.*

*Four squads of deputies simultaneously swooped down on a dozen places and the net results included seven stills, hundreds of gallons of wine, a larger quantity of moonshine mash and an odd and end assortment of liquor products. The seizure was the largest ever made in the county.*

*Sheriff **Frank Cleveland** and Prosecuting Attorney **Ray E. MacAllister** accompanied the raiding party and assisted in destroying much of the liquor.*

*The houses visited were the same group in which raids were conducted a year ago by the prosecutor and sheriff. A number of arrests were also made at that time.*

*Although the coming of the raiding party was not announced, inhabitants of the village lost no time in spreading the alarm when the officers arrived. They scooted in all directions, over hills [sic – hills] and through fields as fast as their legs would carry them. Officers found some houses entirely abandoned, although there were plain indications that the occupants had made hurried departures.*

## **Six To Federal Court**

*The cases of six still owners, **Victor Moreschini, Matt Pienkiewicz, Mike Opalka [sic - Opolka], Alex Banish, John Stanek** and **Mrs. Stella Smokovich**, will be turned*

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*over to the federal court, Prosecutor MacAllister stated.*

*Five of the stills were operating when the officers entered, the alcohol dripping into mason jars which were taken as evidence. One still was hot when brought to the county jail. In addition, a new two-burner oil stove on which the mash was being distilled, was also confiscated.*

*Conditions of extreme squalor greeted the officers. In some places they found beds without blankets, straw ticks being used as coverings. Barrels of wine and mash were fermenting in bedrooms and jugs were hidden in beds.*

*Dirt and grime were in strong evidence and tiny box-like houses that should have been filled with fresh air had every window tightly sealed.*

## ***Destroy Much Evidence***

*Barrels of moonshine mash were discovered embedded in barn refuse. All were emptied. In addition, between 400*

*and 500 gallons of wine were destroyed, either by dumping or adding kerosene.*

*The collection of evidence brought to the jail and deposited in the yard attracted scores of curious. It included the seven stills, barrels and jars containing more than 175 gallons of wine, scores of bottles and jugs of moonshine, some of it extremely wicked in appearance, and all other products and adjuncts of the bootlegging business.*

*One man, **John Casanova**, was released when it was found that his still was old and could not be used. No liquor was discovered in his house.*

*Another Italian, **Gergenio Formolo**, arrested and handcuffed when deputies believed he was threatening them with a knife, was also freed when it was established he had been cutting [sic – cutting] dandelion plants.*

*Banish and Opalka [sic – Opolka] are the two alleged violators still at large.*



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**North Side of the 100 Block of West Hughitt Street, Iron Mountain, ca. 1959-1972:** Buildings, from right to left: **106, Antonio Pellegrino, Tailor & Clothier, 1959-1961; vacant, 1963-1964; 110, Tony Izzo & Sons (Ralph, Carl and Andri), awnings, 1959-1972; 112, vacant, 1959-1963; Dorothy's Beaute Salon (Mrs. Dorothy J. Oien), 1964-1970; vacant, 1971; no listing, 1972-1973; 114, Roy's Swap Shop (LeRoy Bastian), used furniture, 1959-1966; vacant, 1967-1971; no listing 1972-1973; 116, G & G Lunch (George M. Bodelin), restaurant, 1959-1964; G & G Lunch (Mrs. Harriet M. and Theodore J. Luciani), 1966; G & G Lunch (Willie P. Erickson/Conrad Willie Erickson), 1967-1971; no listing, 1972; 118, no listing, 1959; Anna Bryla, boarding house, 1961; vacant, 1963-1971; no listing, 1972; 120, vacant, 1959; Popeye's Café (Frank Rucinski), 1961; vacant, 1963; Sandy's Pizzeria (Donald B. Hunter), 1964; vacant, 1966-1967-1969-1970-1971; The Coffee Cup, 1972. These buildings were demolished in about 1973, when the Iron Mountain Post Office expanded. [William John Cummings]**

**Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Villages of Quinnesec and Vulcan, Mich., With a List of the Residents of Niagara, Wis. 1902-1903**

## HUGHITT STREET EAST

- 100 John Vercella, saloon  
Thomas Langdon, painter (upstairs)
- 103 J. Paulet, shoemaker
- 104 Louis White, proprietor, Railroad House

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- 104B **Thorvell Lyng**, laborer
- 105 **A.J. Massey [Massie]**, barber
- 108 **Franklin & Johnson**, painters and paper hangers
- 109 **W.H. Hurley**, lawyer (boards at the **Wabash Hotel**)
- 115 **W.S. Laing**, agent, **Nelson Morris & Co.** (residence 609 West Brown Street)

## HUGHITT STREET WEST

- 101 **Charles Tirschell**, saloon
- Ginero Vitilli**, miner (residence)
- Tony Patrossia**, miner (residence)
- 102 **Mrs. R. Jetti** [*listed in street index, but not listed in alphabetical listing*]
- 104 **Joseph Conta**, saloon
- 105 **Alfred Taylor**, laborer [*listed as Alfred Tellier in street listing*]
- Joseph Pauline**
- 106 **LaBrook & Trudell**  
[*Allen Labrook is alphabetically listed, working at Hansen's Livery Stable*]
- 108 **Angelo Bacco**, saloon
- 110 **Edmond Chandonet**, shoemaker  
[*listed at 109 West Hughitt Street in street listing*]
- 110 **Peter Caretto**, baker and macaroni manufacturer
- 112 **Dominick Serena**, saloon
- 113 **William Bottger**, laborer (residence)
- 114 **Joe Rivolta**, grocer
- 115 **John Maloney**, laborer (residence)  
[*listed as John Mahoney in street listing*]
- 116 **Joe Lonpry [Lomprey]**, livery stable, boarding house, saloon [*listed only in alphabetical listing*]
- 116-120 **Home Hotel, M. Lonprey**, proprietor
- 119 **Mrs. Annie Kent** (residence)
- Mrs. Mary J. Vincent** (residence)
- 121 **Charles Oliver Sr.**, laborer (residence)
- Charles Oliver Jr.**, laborer (residence)
- Nicholas Roberts**, laborer (residence)
- 122 **J. Demars**, shoemaker [*listed as J. Memarais in street listing*]
- 123 **Martin King** (residence)
- 124 **Lawrence Bros. (Joseph and Thomas)** (both board at 505 West Ludington Street)
- 126 **Angelo Flaminio**, saloonkeeper
- 200 **Edward E. St. Arnauld**, saloon
- Mrs. C. Lefebvre** (residence)
- Alma Lefebvre** (residence)
- Antonio Lefebvre**, bartender (residence)
- 201-203 **Harding Hotel, W.J. Harding**, proprietor
- 202 **Herman Dubey**, barber (residence 512 West A Street)
- 204 **A. & G. Trepanier (Alfred and George)**, bakers and confectioners (residence)
- Aldea Trepanier**, clerk at A & G Trepanier (residence upstairs)
- Joseph Trepanier**, delivery (boards at 204 West Hughitt Street)
- 205 **Louis Lambert**, carpenter (residence)
- Joe Turcott**, carpenter (residence upstairs)
- 206 **Concezio Pellegrini**, laborer (residence)
- 208 **Ben Heiman**, junk dealer
- 209 **Charles Carlson**, laborer (residence)

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- Albert Parent**, laborer (residence)
- 211 **Ben Weber**, grocer (residence; store listed at 213 West Hughitt Street)
- 212 **Omer Trudell**, laborer (residence)
- 213-215 **Ben Weber**, grocer
- 214 **Louis Carron [Caron]**, sexton at **St. Joseph's Catholic Church** (residence)
- Henry Perry**, laborer (residence)
- 216 **Alfred St. Arnauld**, groceries
- Annie St. Arnauld**, bookkeeper
- D. St. Arnauld**, laborer
- 218 **Alcid Nauld [Nault - ?]**, laborer (residence)
- 300 **Xavier St. Arnauld**, laborer (residence)
- Cora St. Arnauld** (residence)
- Jennie St. Arnauld** (residence)
- 308 **Fred Lannoye**, boilermaker, 712 River Avenue (residence 308 West Hughitt Street)
- 312 **Henry Masicotte**, brakeman, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad (residence)
- 400 **Joseph Pariseau**, laborer (residence)
- Eugenia Pariseau**, teacher (residence)
- Marie A. Pariseau**, teacher (residence)
- Alex Parent**, laborer (residence)
- 405 **H. Marois**, laborer (residence)
- 408 **Joseph Bedard**, engineer (residence)
- 409 **Henry King**, laborer (residence)
- 413 **Abraham Baribeau**, brakeman, Chicago & Northwestern Railroad (residence)
- 414 **Xavier Prenevost**, jobber (residence)

417 **Joe Tallay** [*not listed in alphabetical listing*]

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## HUGHITT STREET EAST

- 100 **Edward Shea (Annie)**, liquor and cigars (residence)
- 103 **John Paulet**, shoemaker (residence)
- 104 **Domenic Serena (Mary)**, liquor and cigars; also proprietor of the **Railroad House** (residence)
- 105-107 **Frank C. Schilling Co.**, wholesale merchandise, **Fred P. Schilling**, resident manager (residence 108 East Fleshiem Street)
- 105 **E.P. Gingras [Gingrass] (Lillian)**, barbershop (residence)
- 115 **Nelson Morris & Co.**, packers and provisions; **William J. Cudlip**, agent

## HUGHITT STREET WEST

- 101-103 **Joseph J. Tirschel (Josephine)**, liquors and cigars; also brewing agent (residence)
- Anna Tirschel**, student (residence)
- Emma Tirschel**, student (residence)
- Rosie Tirschel**, student (residence)
- 102 **Norman Miller (Emma)**, liquors and cigars (residence)
- 104 **Dominic Contarini (Eliza)**, liquors and cigars (residence)
- Mary Contarini**, student (residence)
- 105 **John Jetty (Elma)**, confectioneries, cigars and tobacco (residence)

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| <p>108 <b>Angelo Bacco (Victoria)</b>, liquors and cigars (residence)<br/> <b>John Bacco</b>, student (residence)<br/> <b>Mary Bacco</b> (residence)<br/> <b>Medeo Bacco</b> (residence)</p> <p>110 <b>Peter Caretto</b> (residence)</p> <p>111 <b>Arthur Minnear (May)</b>, works in saloon (residence)</p> <p>112 <b>Joe Rivolta (Fortunata)</b>, groceries, confectioneries and fruits (residence)</p> <p>113 <b>William Cocking (Maggie)</b>, miner (residence)</p> <p>119 <b>Fred Grollo/Grolo [Groleau] (Alice)</b> (residence)</p> <p>120 <b>Alfred “Fred” Lambert (Minnie)</b>, liquors and cigars; also proprietor of the <b>Home Hotel</b> (residence)<br/> <b>James Lambert</b>, clerk, boards at <b>Home Hotel</b> (residence)</p> <p>121 <b>John Porro (Catherine)</b>, laborer (residence)</p> <p>123 <b>Martin King (Catherine)</b>, jobber (residence)<br/> <b>Martin King Jr.</b>, chemist (residence)</p> <p>124 <b>Angelo Flaminio (Teresa)</b>, liquors and cigars (residence)</p> <p>128 <b>Thomas Lawrence</b>, liquors and cigars (residence)</p> <p>200 <b>E.E. St. Arnauld</b>, liquors and cigars (residence)</p> <p>201 <b>W.J. Harding (Lydia A.)</b>, proprietor, <b>Harding Hotel</b> (residence)<br/> <b>James G. Harding</b>, student, boards at <b>Harding Hotel</b><br/> <b>John H. Harding</b>, student, boards at <b>Harding Hotel</b></p> <p>204 <b>Trepanier Bros. (Alfred and George)</b>, bakery and confectionery</p> | <p><b>George Trepanier (Mary L.)</b>, bakery and confectionery (residence)</p> <p>205 <b>Noe/Noah Lambert</b>, carpenter (residence)<br/> <b>Emma Lambert</b>, student (residence)</p> <p>206 <b>Come Trepanier (Marie)</b>, retired (residence)<br/> <b>Alde Trepanier</b>, collector for Telephone Company (residence)<br/> <b>Alfred Trepanier</b>, bakery (residence)<br/> <b>Angeline Trepanier</b> (residence)<br/> <b>Corinne Trepanier</b>, clerk (residence)</p> <p>208 <b>Ben Heiman (Mary)</b> (residence)<br/> <b>Lena Heiman</b>, student (residence)<br/> <b>M. Heiman</b>, clerk (residence)</p> <p>209 <b>John Prettyhart</b> (residence) [<i>listed as Abe Prettyhart in street directory</i>]</p> <p>212 <b>Omar Trudell (Auxlie)</b>, millwright (residence)</p> <p>213 <b>Ben Weber (Clara)</b>, groceries, fruits, vegetables and feed (residence)</p> <p>214 <b>Louis Caron (Adeline)</b>, laborer (residence)</p> <p>216 <b>St. Arnauld &amp; Chaput</b>, groceries, meats, feeds, etc.<br/> <b>D. St. Arnauld (Victoria)</b>, carpenter (residence)<br/> <b>Edward St. Arnauld</b>, driver (residence)<br/> <b>Emma St. Arnauld</b>, dressmaker (residence)<br/> <b>James St. Arnauld</b>, butcher (residence)</p> <p>218 <b>Medis Greux (Edith)</b>, mason (residence)</p> <p>300 <b>Xavier St. Arnauld</b> [<i>listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing</i>]<br/> <b>Bert St. Arnauld</b>, laborer (residence)</p> |
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| <p><b>Cora St. Arnauld</b> (residence)<br/> <b>Edward St. Arnauld</b>, laborer (residence)<br/> <b>Frank St. Arnauld</b>, laborer (residence)<br/> <b>Joseph St. Arnauld</b>, student (residence)<br/>         308 <b>Mort Frickelton (Emma)</b>, electrician (residence)<br/>         312 <b>Joseph Groleau (Caroline)</b>, laborer (residence)<br/> <b>Isaac Groleau</b>, laborer (residence)<br/> <b>Joseph Groleau</b>, brakeman (residence)<br/> <b>Groleau, Marion</b>, dressmaker (residence)<br/> <b>Groleau, Olivier</b>, works in livery barn (residence)<br/> <b>Groleau, Otis</b>, fireman (residence)<br/> <b>Groleau, Theodore</b>, clerk (residence)<br/>         400 <b>Mrs. M. O'Connell</b>, widow of <b>Patrick</b> (residence)<br/> <b>John Maynard</b> [<i>listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing</i>]<br/>         401 <b>James Bedard (Philomene)</b>, laborer (residence) [<i>listed as <b>Arthur Bedard</b> in the street listing</i>]<br/>         401 <b>Joe Conto</b><br/>         405 <b>John King</b>, laborer (residence)<br/>         408 <b>Joseph Bedard (Exena)</b>, engineer (residence)<br/> <b>James Bedard</b> [<i>listed as living with wife <b>Philomene</b> at 401 West Hughitt Street in the alphabetical listing, but living at 408 West Hughitt Street in the street listing</i>]<br/>         409 <b>Charles Walker</b> (residence)</p> | <p>413 <b>Antoine Cola</b> [<i>listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing</i>]<br/>         414 <b>Xavier Prenevost (Evelyn)</b>, wood jobber (residence)<br/> <b>Alma Prenevost</b>, student (residence)<br/> <b>Almera Prenevost</b>, student (residence)<br/> <b>Henry Prenevost</b> (residence)<br/> <b>James Prenevost</b>, clerk (residence)<br/> <b>Rose Prenevost</b>, dressmaker (residence)<br/>         417 <b>Gilbert Masicotte</b> [<i>listed in street listing, but not in alphabetical listing</i>]<br/> <b>H. Masscotte (Mary)</b>, works in sawmill (residence) [<i>listed only in alphabetical listing</i>]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Directory of the Cities of Iron Mountain and Norway and Dickinson County with a List of Residents of Homestead, Wisconsin 1913</i></b></p> <p><b>HUGHITT STREET EAST</b><br/>         100 vacant<br/>         100 ½ <b>Thomas Smith</b>, painter (residence)<br/>         103 vacant<br/>         104 <b>George T. Meehan (Dolly)</b>, lunch counter, soft drinks (residence)<br/>         104B <b>A.J. LaBrook (Mary)</b>, wood machine (residence)<br/>         105 <b>George Gingras (Rose)</b>, barbershop (residence 613 West B Street)<br/>         107 <b>Brauns &amp; Van warehouse (August Brauns)</b>, wholesale groceries (109-111 East Ludington Street)<br/>         109 <b>Morris &amp; Co., W.J. Cudlip</b>, local manager, wholesale meats</p> |
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- 101-103 **Joseph J. Tirschel (Josephine)**, saloon (residence); agent Leisen & Henes Brewing Company; **Joseph J. Jr.**, teamster (residence); **Rose** (residence)
- 102 **Norman Miller (Emma)**, soft drinks (residence)
- 104 **Edward Shea (Esther)**, soft drinks (residence)
- 105 **W. Robert Gall (Eliza)**, miner (residence in rear)  
**Square Deal Shoe Shop, John Paulet**, proprietor
- 106-108 **Angelo Bacco (Victoria)**, confectionery and wines (residence); **Amedeo**, engineer (residence); **Mary**, clerk (residence)
- 110-112 **Joseph Rivolta (Fortunata)**, grocery and confectionery store (residence)
- 113 **Christ Rigoni (Pauline)**, agent, Schlitz Brewing Company, office (residence)
- 114 **John E. Caswell**, restaurant (residence)
- 115 **John Mahoney (Catherine)**, teamster (residence); **John**, laborer (residence); **Walter M.**, laborer (residence)
- 116-120 **Home Hotel & Saloon, Fred Lambert (Minnie)**, proprietor (residence)
- 119 vacant
- 121 **Victor Demarin**, laborer (residence)  
Peter, bartender (residence)
- 122 **William C. Schettler (Jennie)**, cigar manufacturer (residence 612 Wells Street)
- 123 **Martin King (Catherine)**, contractor (residence); **Edna** (residence); **Martin Jr.**, assistant chemist (residence)
- 124 **Angelo Flaminio (Jennie)**, saloon (residence)
- 126 **Domenic Contarini (Eliza)**, wines (residence)
- 200 **A.J. Lefebvre (Anna)**, saloon (residence); **Odile**, widow of **Clovis** (residence); **E.E. St. Arnaud** (residence)
- 201-203 **Harding Hotel, William J. Harding (Lydia)**, proprietor (residence); **Marie L. St. Arnaud**, domestic (residence)
- 202 **Herman Dubey (Julia)**, barbershop (residence 512 West A Street)
- 204 **Azarie Rocheleau (Azalie)**, baker (residence); **Joseph E.**, baker (residence)
- 205 **Noe L. Lambert (Salome)**, janitor (residence); **Emma**, dressmaker (residence)
- 206 **Peter Dandoneau Sr. (Victoria)**, hardware (residence 609 West Hughitt Street)
- 206 ½ **Come Trepanier (Mary)** (residence); **Alfred**, teamster (residence); **Angeline**, bookkeeper (residence); **Corrine**, dressmaker (residence)
- 207 **Eugene J. Jacobs (Nora)**, painter and paper hanger (residence 209 West Hughitt Street)
- 208 **Albert Parent (Mary)**, policeman (residence)  
**Ernest Trudell (Marie)**, carpenter (residence)

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| <p>209 <b>John W. Morris</b>, teamster (residence)<br/><b>Eugene J. Jacobs (Nora)</b>, painter and<br/>paper hanger (residence); store at 207<br/>West Hughitt Street</p> <p>212 <b>Omer Trudell (Auxilie)</b>, mine boss<br/>(residence)</p> <p>213 <b>Ben W. Weber (Clara)</b>, groceries<br/>(residence 215 West Hughitt Street)</p> <p>214 <b>Louis Caron (Adeline)</b> (residence)</p> <p>215 <b>Ben W. Weber (Clara)</b>, groceries<br/>(residence), store at 213 West Hughitt<br/>Street</p> <p>216 <b>Edward J. Lefebvre (Georgianna)</b>,<br/>grocery and meat market (residence<br/>715 West Brown Street)</p> <p>216 ½ <b>Adolph St. Arnauld (Victoria)</b>,<br/>carpenter (residence)</p> <p>218 <b>Aaron Shapiro (Anna)</b>, peddler<br/>(residence)<br/><b>James E. Oliver (Alma)</b>, drayman<br/>(residence)</p> <p>300 <b>Odilon Lambert (Mary)</b>, carpenter<br/>(residence)<br/><b>Xavier F. St. Arnauld</b>, logger<br/>(residence)</p> <p>308 <b>Jerome Rayome (Disanges)</b>,<br/>carpenter (residence)<br/><b>Michael De Crescenzo (Angleine)</b>,<br/>clerk (residence)</p> <p>312 <b>Alfred St. Arnauld (Lillian)</b>, carpenter<br/>(residence)<br/><b>Joseph Groleau (Caroline)</b>, laborer<br/>(residence)</p> <p>400 <b>Joseph A. Lambert (Clara)</b>, mason<br/>(residence); <b>James Lambert (Ida)</b>,<br/>bartender (residence)<br/><b>Oliver Pluff (Emily)</b> (residence)</p> | <p>401 <b>Matthew Foucault (Jennie)</b>, cook<br/>(residence)</p> <p>405 <b>Joseph Baril Jr. (Genevieve)</b>,<br/>teamster (residence)</p> <p>408 <b>Joseph Bedard</b> (residence)<br/><b>Fred F. Rogers (Anna)</b>, bartender<br/>(residence)</p> <p>409 <b>Charles E. Walker (Mary)</b>, logger<br/>(residence)</p> <p>413 <b>Antonio Calo (Mary)</b>, miner<br/>(residence); <b>Nicholas</b>, laborer<br/>(residence)</p> <p>414 <b>Obeline Prenevost</b>, widow of <b>Xavier</b>,<br/>confectionery and fruits, 421 South<br/>Stephenson Avenue (residence)</p> <p>417 <b>Hubert Massicotte (Marie)</b>, laborer<br/>(residence); <b>Geaudias</b>, laborer<br/>(residence)</p> <p>500 <b>Edward Verette (Perma)</b>, laborer<br/>(residence)</p> <p>501 <b>Anna Jacque (Telesfor)</b> (residence)<br/><i>[sic – Telesfor must be husband;<br/>Anna wife]</i></p> <p>504 <b>August Vaillencourt (Elizabeth)</b>,<br/>laborer (residence)</p> <p>506 vacant</p> <p>509 <b>Edouard J. Dessureau</b>, carpenter<br/>(residence); <b>Henry J.</b> (residence);<br/><b>Joseph L.</b>, plumber (residence);<br/><b>Marie A.</b> (residence)</p> <p>511 <b>Meyer M. Kramer (Jennie)</b>, <b>Kramer<br/>Bros.</b> (Florence) (residence)</p> <p>512 <b>Cyril Nault (Marian)</b>, miner<br/>(residence)</p> <p>513 <b>Benjamin Kramer (Eva)</b>, <b>Kramer<br/>Bros.</b> (Florence) (residence); <b>Maurice<br/>E.</b>, student (residence)</p> |
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- 516 **Peter Tousignant**, miner (residence);  
**Angeline**, milliner (residence); Mary,  
widow (residence)
- 518 **Peter A. Cardinal (Adeline)**,  
carpenter (residence); **Eva O.**,  
dressmaking parlors, 101 East  
Ludington Street (residence); **Laura  
M.** (residence)

*R.L. Polk & Co.'s 1925  
Iron Mountain City Directory*

## HUGHITT EAST – From 400 South Merritt east to city limits

- 100 **Claude Burby (Edna)**, restaurant  
(residence 922 West A Street)
- 103 **Gabriel Selakovich**, restaurant  
(residence)
- 105 **Berdinner & Harding**, barbers  
(**Thomas Berdinner, A. Iver Harding**)
- ### C & N Ry, Stephenson Avenue
- 109 **Anthony Izzo (Frances)**, shoemaker  
(residence 409 East Smith Street;  
**Guisepella Izzo**, widow of **Raffaele**)  
**Angelo N. Izzo (Rose)**, billiards  
(residence 1124 Cedar Avenue)  
**Louis Izzo (Angeline)**, tailor  
(residence 422 East Margaret Street)
- southwest corner: **Morris & Company**,  
wholesale meats (**William J. Cudlip**,  
manager)

## HUGHITT WEST – From 400 South Merritt west to Pine Grove Golf Club

- 101 **Silas I. Lundquist**, soft drinks  
(residence 108 East Brown Street)
- 102 **Daniel Golch (Katie)**, billiards  
(residence)

- 103 **Vincent Kozenski (Lucile)**, **Popular  
Restaurant**, Meals at All Hours,  
Special Sunday Dinners, Eat Here  
(residence 205 West Hughitt Street)  
rear – **Michael Solich (Fannie)**  
(residence)
- 104 **Edward Shea**, soft drinks (residence)
- 105 **Lotus Grill (Lawrence A. Paige,  
Adrian T. Jensen, proprietors)**
- 106 **Yep Lee**, laundry (residence)
- 107 **Reubin A. Berghdal (Maytie)**, tailor  
(residence)  
rear – **John Paulet**, drayman  
(residence)
- 108 **Mrs. Emma Allard**, boarding house  
**Charles E. Allard (Emma)**, painter  
(residence)
- 112 **Biago Franco (Marion)**, grocery store  
(residence)  
**Leon LaClair (Alice)**, barber  
(residence 501 West Ludington Street)
- 113 **William Gothe**, laborer (residence)
- 114 **Bertagnoli & Conta (Alex Bertagnoli  
and Samuel Conta)**, grocery store  
**Alex Bertagnoli (Angeline)**  
(residence)
- 115 **John Mahoney (Catherine)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**John Mahoney Jr.**, electrician  
(residence)  
**Walter Mahoney**, laborer (residence)
- 118 **John Knutson**, restaurant (residence)
- 119 **W. Joseph Pollard**, foreman  
(residence)
- 120 **Leo Shapke**, soft drinks (residence  
East E Street)
- 121 vacant

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- 122 **Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company**  
**Joesph C. Tirschell (Emily)**, manager (residence)  
rear – **William J. Tirschell (Anna)**, weighmaster (residence)
- 123 **Martin King (Catherine)**, city street commissioner (residence)  
**Stella King**, saleslady, **Rahm & Will Jewelers and Watchmakers**, 313 South Stephenson Avenue (residence)
- 124 **Edward F. Tirschell**, billiards (residence 506 West C Street)
- 126 **Fred L. Marcell (Blanche)**, barber (residence)  
**Alfred Marcell (Albina)**, furnished rooms (residence)  
**Felix Marcell** (residence)  
**George Marcell** (residence)  
**Irene Marcell**, clerk at **Alfred T. Trepanier Bakery** (residence)  
**Joseph Marcell** (residence)  
**Carpenter Avenue intersects**
- 200 **Edward J. Verrette (Perina)**, Staple and Fancy Groceries, Fresh and Smoked Meats, Freshly Dressed Poultry Every Saturday, Vegetables and Fruits of All Kinds (residence 500 West Hughitt Street)  
**Antonio J. Lefebre [Lefebvre] (Anna)**, clerk (residence)  
**Emil B. Lefebre [Lefebvre]**, student (residence)  
**Leo J. Lefebre [Lefebvre]**, teller (residence)
- 201 **Hotel Harding, William J. Harding**, proprietor, All Modern Conveniences (residence)
- 202 **Theophilus R. Schroeder (Goldie)**, jeweler (residence 715 East H Street)  
**Herman Dubey (Julia)**, Barber, Shaving, Hair Cutting and Bobbing at Popular Prices (residence 512 West A Street; **Arthur Dubey (Ruth)**, laborer, same residence)
- 204 **Alfred T. Trepanier**, bakery (residence 213 West A Street)  
**Peter M. Peterson (Alma)**, steamfitter (residence)  
**William W. Parker (Edna)**, clerk (residence)
- 205 **Vincent Kozenski (Lucile)** (residence) proprietor of **Popular Restaurant**, 103 West Hughitt Street
- 206 **Louis Lafrenier (Georgiana)**, boarding house (residence)  
**Agnes Lafrenier** (residence)  
**Arthur J. Lafrenier**, laborer (residence)  
**Malvina Lafrenier**, saleslady (residence)
- 207 **Carmen Picucci (Mattie)**, laborer (residence)  
**Florence Picucci**, student (residence)
- 208 **Jerry Gendron (Mary)**, laborer (residence)  
**Wilfred Beauparlant (Clara)**, meat cutter at **Edward J. Verrette Grocery Store**, 200 West Hughitt Street (residence)
- 209 **Edward St. Arnauld (Alma)**, switchman (residence)  
**Clement Trepanier (Marian)**, laborer (residence)
- 212 **Omer Trudell (Auxilie)**, miner (residence)

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- 213 **Albert LaBraque (Rose)** (residence)  
**David Cocking (Edwidge)**, assistant  
undertaker, **J.B. Erickson Funeral  
Home** at 217 East Hughitt Street  
(residence)
- 214 **Eli Mongrain (Clarice)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**Joseph LeBlanc**, carpenter  
(residence)
- 215 **Felix LaBrook (Eliza)**, taxi service  
(residence)
- 216 **Arthur Bourgeois (Ottelia)**, plumber  
(residence)  
**Adolph T. St. Arnaud (Victoria)**,  
salesman, **Rundle Hardware  
Company** at 101-103 West Ludington  
Street (residence)
- 218 **John Nicholas (Alvina)**, tailor  
(residence)
- South Prospect Avenue intersects**
- 300 **Mattius Longprey (Mary)** (residence)
- 308 **Gerome Royome [Rayome]**  
**(Desange)**, laborer (residence)  
**Albert Starnauld [St. Arnaud]**  
(residence 110 West A Street)
- 312 **Herbert C. Engstrom (Lydia)**,  
drayman (residence)  
**Annette DeLangis**, stenographer,  
**Iron Mountain Gas Company**  
(residence)  
**Charles DeLangis**, switchman  
(residence)  
**John DeLangis (Lerue)**, watchman  
(residence)  
**Josephine DeLangis**, bookkeeper,  
**City Water Works** (residence)  
**Libbie DeLangis**, clerk at **Globe  
Market** (residence)
- Pernette DeLangis** (residence)  
**South Stockbridge Avenue intersects**
- 400 **Antonio Calo (Marie)** (residence)  
**Joseph Calo**, laborer (residence)  
**Luke Calo**, laborer (residence)  
**Calo, Nicholas (Carmela)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**George M. Gibbs (Catherine)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**John B. Taverine (Ida)**, laborer  
(residence)
- 401 **Louis Fronsee (Edna)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**Charles Hanson (Hazel)**, laborer  
(residence)
- 405 **Michael DeCrescenzo (Angelina)**,  
notary public; salesman at the **Levy-  
Unger Company, Ltd.**, General  
Merchandise Department Store  
(residence)
- 408 **Angelo Flaminio (Teresa)**,  
warehouseman (residence)  
**Albert Flaminio**, laborer (residence)  
**Arthur Flaminio**, salesman, **Rundle  
Hardware Company** at 101-103 West  
Ludington Street (residence)  
**Ernest Flaminio**, student (residence)  
**Madeline Flaminio**, student  
(residence)  
**Peter Flaminio**, laborer (residence)
- 409 **Emett P. Corbeliotti [Coragliotti]**  
**(Marie)**, auto livery (residence)  
**Floyd C. Hanson (Maude)**, barber,  
**Young & Miniat (William J. Young;  
Joseph A. Miniat)** at 203 East Hughitt  
Street (residence)
- 413 **Leonard Paradiso (Lucile)**, laborer  
(residence)



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- 414 **Charles D. Johnson (Neta)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**Mrs. Obeline Prenevost**, widow of  
**Xavier** (residence)  
**Alex Prenevost**, baker (residence)  
**Antoinette Prenevost** (residence)  
**Laura Prenevost**, saleslady, **Rahm &  
Will Jewelers and Watchmakers** at  
313 South Stephenson Avenue  
(residence)
- 417 **Joseph Massicotte (Mary)**, laborer  
(residence)

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#### HUGHITT EAST – From 400 South Merritt east to city limits

- 100 vacant  
103 vacant  
105 **A. Iver Harding**, barber (residence  
823 South Stephenson Avenue)  
109-111 **Blatz Brewing Company**, **Arthur  
F. Roesch**, branch manager  
**CM& StPRy crosses**  
115 **Armour & Co.**, wholesale meats

#### HUGHITT WEST – From 400 South Merritt west to beyond city limits

- 101-103 **La Taverna Hotel**, **Louis Quilici**,  
proprietor (residence)  
102 **Mrs. Elizabeth Chaulklin**, widow of  
**William**, tavern (residence 306 Merritt  
Avenue)  
104 **Edward Shea**, tavern (residence)  
105 **John Feira (Anna)** (residence)

- 106 **Anthony Pellegrino (Mary)**, tailor  
(residence 508 West Hughitt Street)
- 107 **Thomas J. Martell (Edwardzena)**,  
beer (residence 1015 Stockbridge  
Avenue)  
rear – **John Hunter**, laborer  
(residence)
- 109 **Domonic [Dominic] Izzo**, tavern  
(residence)
- 110 **Anthony Izzo (Frances)**, shoe repair  
(residence)
- 112 **Biagio Franco (Marion)**, grocery  
store (residence)  
**Alfred O. Stoneman (Clara)**,  
attendant, **Johnnie's Service Station  
(John Fauri)** at 411 Carpenter Avenue  
(residence)  
rear – **Mrs. Ruth Rogers** (residence)
- 113 **Ross Oian [Oien] (Elvira)** (residence)
- 114 **Albert J. Tousignant (Mary)**, grocery  
(residence)
- 115 vacant
- 116 **Edward Chandonet**, shoe repair  
(residence)
- 118 **Mrs. Frances Hough**, widow of  
**William** (residence)
- 120 vacant
- 121 **Henry Wilcox, Jr. (Carrie)**, painter  
(residence)  
**Maxine Wilcox** (residence)
- 122 vacant
- 123 **Mrs. Catherine King**, widow of **Martin**  
(residence)
- 124 **Patrick J. Trottier**, tavern (residence  
705 West A Street)
- Carpenter Avenue intersects**  
200 **John Ealmini (Louise)**, tavern  
(residence 900 West B Street)

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- 201 **Harding Hotel, W. James Harding (Elna V.)**, proprietor (residence 614 East F Street)
- 202 **Milwaukee Journal, Leo G. Mascot [Massicotte]**, manager  
**Thomas F. Berdinner (Dorothea)**, barbershop (residence 714 South Stephenson Avenue; **Dorothy E. Berdinner**, student, same residence)  
**Mrs. Anna Lefebvre**, widow of **Antonio** (residence)
- 204 vacant
- 205 **Eugene Poisson (Anne)** (residence)
- 206 vacant
- 207 **Carmen G. Picucci (Mattie)**, autoworker (residence)
- 208 **Mrs. Elizabeth Downing**, widow of **Daniel** (residence)  
**Beatrice Downing**, janitoress, Junior High School (residence)  
**Eino Macki (Eva)**, autoworker (residence)  
rear – **John J. Fredy**, laborer (residence)
- 209 **Louis J. Bell (Emma)**, steam engineer (residence)  
**John J. Bouchard (Mary)**, carpenter (residence)
- 212 **Omer Trudell (Auxilie)**, miner (residence)
- 213 **William Pollard (Bessie)**, laborer (residence)  
**Mrs. Delia Riley**, widow of **William** (residence)
- 214 **Mrs. Mabel Morrison** (residence)
- 215 **Felix LaBrook (Eliza)** (residence)
- 216 **Edward J. Verrette (Perina)**, grocery store (residence 815 West Hughitt Street)
- 218 **Community Motor Service (Oscar R. Anderson, S.R. Houston)**, Automobile Repairing Specializing in Fords, Chevrolets and Plymouths  
**John B. Menghini (Norma)**, teacher (residence)  
**Mrs. Cora Harris**, widow of **Clifford** (residence)
- South Prospect Avenue intersects**
- 300 **Mathias Longprey (Mary)** (residence)
- 308 **Michael Koller (Emma)**, driver, **L.G. Eisele Company, Lumber and Fuel** at Carpenter Avenue South of Ford Store (residence)  
**Mrs. Josephine Stabinski** (residence)  
**Anthony Stabinski**, laborer (residence)  
**Bernard Stabinski**, laborer (residence)  
**Victoria Stabinski** (residence)
- 312 **Annette DeLangis** (residence)  
**Josephine M. DeLangis**, cashier, **City Water Department** (residence)
- Stockbridge Avenue intersects**
- 400 **Luke Calo (Theresa)**, laborer (residence)  
**William J. Young (Augusta M.) (Young & Miniat (William J. Young, Joseph Miniat)**, barbershop at 203 East Hughitt Street (residence)  
**John B. Noel (Margaret M.)**, autoworker (residence)
- 401 **Albert Grailer (Emma)**, autoworker (residence)

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- Tellis Bergeon**, farmer (residence)  
405 **Michael DeCrescenzo (Angeline)**,  
salesman (residence)  
408 **Angelo Flaminio (Teresa A.)**  
(residence)  
409 **John Benzo**, autoworker (residence)  
**Emett P. Coragliotti (Marie)**,  
chauffeur (residence)  
413 **Leonard Paradiso (Lucille)**, laborer  
(residence)  
**Mary Paradiso**, student (residence)  
414 **Mrs. Obeline Prenevost**, widow of  
**Xavier** (residence)  
417 **Joseph Massicotte (Merelise)**  
(residence)

Even though additional benches had been placed in the courtroom for the Wednesday, July 14, session, the space was too small to accommodate all who wished to be admitted. The five feet of standing room at the rear of the courtroom was jammed with people standing four and five rows deep, and a single file of spectators lined the side of the room. The overflow extended through the doorway and out into the third floor corridor. Those out of hearing distance followed the proceedings by whispered word “passed from lip to lip,” according to the correspondent.

The extensive clean-up campaign carried on in Dickinson County in the spring of 1926 resulted in what was billed as the “biggest term” in federal court – estimated at one hundred cases when the court opened on July 13 at Sault Ste. Marie.

Due to the inordinate number of cases coming from Dickinson County, The Iron Mountain News sent a staff correspondent to cover the federal court proceedings. At that time the local newspaper was the equivalent of today’s cable news, and the correspondent provided timely, detailed articles to the readership back home to keep them updated.

Additional local interest had been spurred by the arrest of Sheriff Lloyd Cleveland on July 3, together with two deputies, Albert Freeman and Leonard Young, charged with intimidating a government witness.

Lloyd Cleveland had replaced his father, Sheriff Frank Cleveland, following the latter’s sudden and unexpected resignation on May 24.